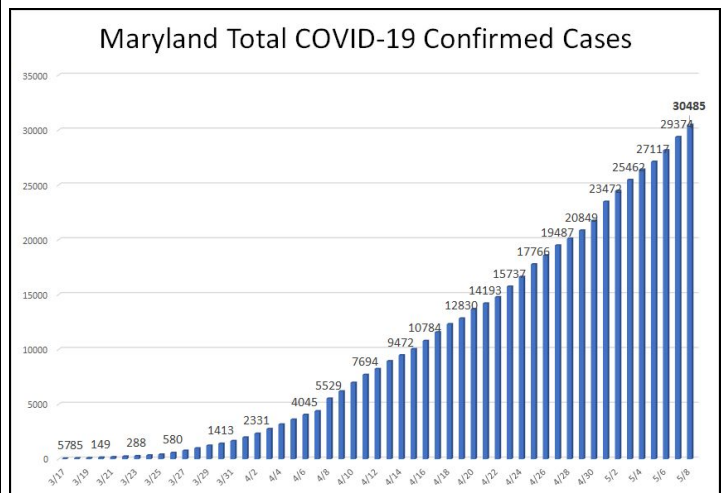
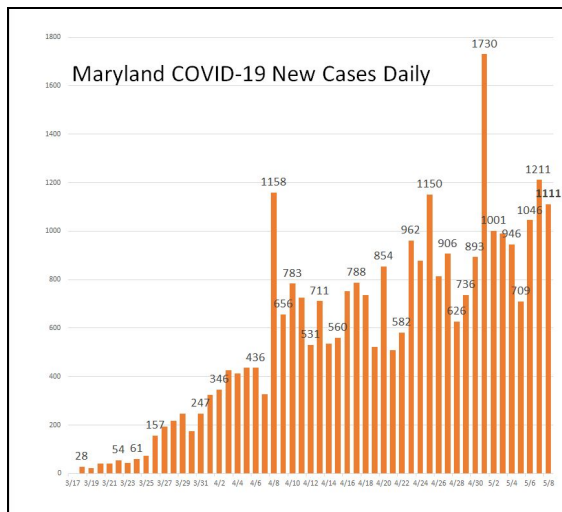
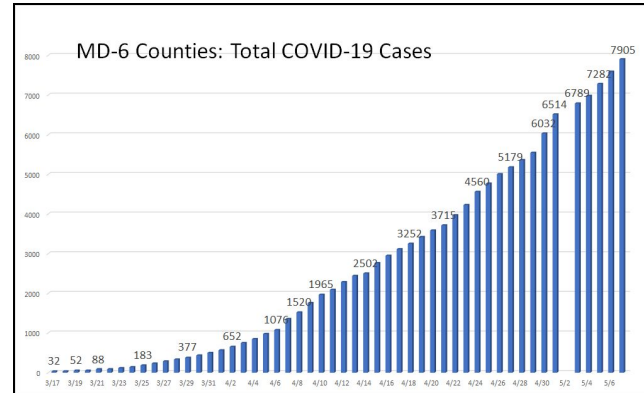
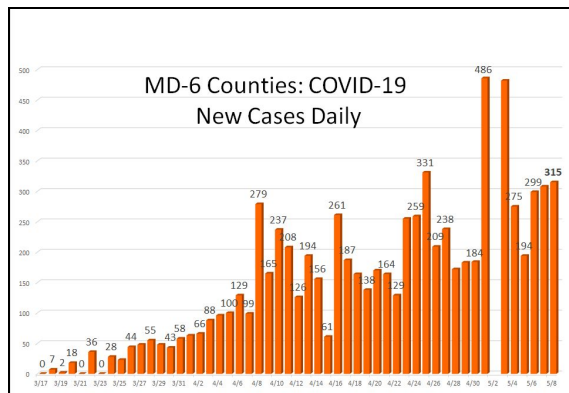
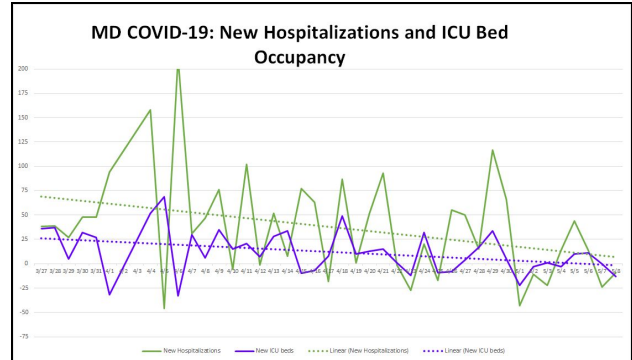
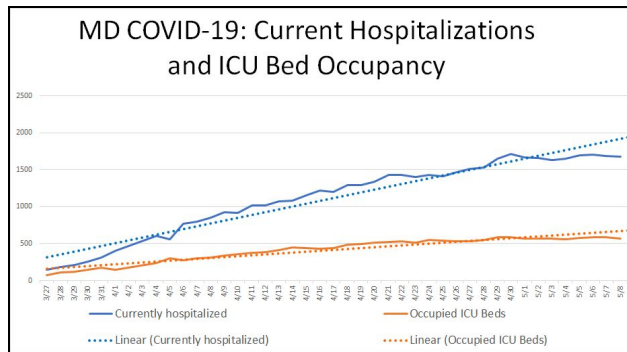


## Daily Coronavirus Update: May 8, 5 PM Congressman David Trone (MD6)

### Stats @ 5 PM

With increased testing capacity coming online in Maryland, Governor Larry Hogan will track trends in **hospitalizations** and **ICU beds** for indicators on when to initiate plans to reopen the state.



MD6 today: MoCo (6,316), Fred.(1,182), Wash.(259), Allegany (143), Garrett (5). MD reports 1,453 total deaths ([MD Dept. of Health](#)).

As of 5 PM today, the United States had recorded 1,279,546 total confirmed cases and 76,706 deaths due to Coronavirus ([JHU](#)).

## Federal Updates

- The FDA has issued an amended emergency use authorization to Rutgers' Rutgers University Cell and DNA Repository (RUCDR) Infinite Biologics late Thursday for the **first coronavirus test** that will allow people to **collect their own saliva at home and send to a lab for results**, the university announced Friday. The new at-home saliva self-collection assay allows for broader screening than through the standard method using nose and throat swabs at a healthcare facility or testing location that requires a physical interaction with a healthcare professional, according to a university statement. The decision follows the FDA's recent emergency approval to RUCDR Infinite Biologics for the first saliva-based test, which involves health care workers collecting saliva from individuals at testing sites. ([NorthJersey.com](http://NorthJersey.com))
- The White House confirmed today that Vice President Spokeswoman Katie Miller tested positive for coronavirus on Friday, after having tested negative Thursday. The White House is tracing her contacts. The President told reporters Friday that Miller hasn't come into contact with him but has "spent some time" with the vice president. Miller is married to Trump senior adviser Stephen Miller (reported in [NPR](http://NPR))

## Maryland Updates

- Maryland's Department of Labor posted new guidelines today to help to Marylanders filing unemployment claims answer the weekly claim certification questions required by the U.S. Department of Labor. The [guide](#) lists the questions in order, describes what they are asking, and explains what answering "Yes" or "No" means. Since the launch of the BEACON one-stop application, many claimants have struggled to navigate the system, resulting in many inadvertently deactivating their claims. The state has been working to reactivate these accounts, and it continues to [take the BEACON system offline](#) daily between 1 AM and 3 AM for maintenance and to resolve technical issues. [The Baltimore Sun](#) reports that nearly **500,000 Marylanders have filed for unemployment benefits** since early March – including nearly 110,000 residents who filed claims last week after the state opened the process to independent contractors and gig workers in late April. The state's workforce was nearly 2.8 million in February. Nearly **33 million U.S. workers** have lost jobs or wages since the coronavirus hit the country late winter.

## District Updates

- Montgomery County
  - a. Students graduating from The Universities at Shady Grove's nine participating universities will be recognized during a celebration on Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m. The pre-taped video celebration will be presented online via Facebook and YouTube. The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) – a University System of Maryland campus in Montgomery County that offers students more than 80 degree programs from nine different state universities – will honor Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 candidates at a celebration, according to a release from the university.
  - b. As of Friday morning, the Maryland Department of Health reports 6,316 cases of COVID-19 in Montgomery County, which is an increase of 284 cases from the 6,032 reported Thursday. The health department reports that 324 county residents have died from COVID-19 in Montgomery County. This is an increase of nine deaths since Thursday. The number of probable deaths is 31. There are 1,512 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in residents and staff of senior living facilities and 217 deaths in the county.
  - c. Montgomery Parks reopened various park amenities Thursday following Gov. Larry Hogan's updated state order. Tennis courts reopened Thursday, however, other amenities and programs will require a few days to prepare for reopening. Playgrounds, athletic courts and fields remain closed until further notice. All indoor park facilities to the public remain closed, and all programming, classes and events have been canceled through May 31.

- Frederick County
  - a. Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are down by 24 statewide, a sign that the trend in hospitalizations will continue to decrease or plateau. Gov. Larry Hogan and his Coronavirus Response Team look at hospitalizations when considering whether the state should reopen. With reported hospitalizations decreasing Thursday, it is one step closer to the state possible entering phase one of Hogan's Roadmap to Recovery. However, while hospitalizations decreased across the state, the Frederick County Health Department reported an additional four hospitalizations since Wednesday. Typically hospitalizations increase by approximately two each day.
  - b. The City of Frederick Parks and Recreation Department is making some operational adjustments. The Clustered Spires Golf Course will re-open for use on May 9. Call 301-600-1295 for information on tee times, safety measures and operations. Basketball courts, tennis courts, in-line rinks, skate parks and the dog park will reopen for use May 8. Gatherings of more than 10 people and prohibited and social distancing remains in effect. Playgrounds and pavilions remain closed.
  - c. In collaboration with its Multi-Disciplinary Team partners, the Child Advocacy Center continues to conduct emergent child forensic interviews and with receipt of PPE from the Health Department and Maryland Children's Alliance, can now begin conducting emergent forensic medical exams. The CAC assembled care packages with coloring books, crayons/colored pencils, bubbles, chalk, popcorn, slime making materials, stress balls, and journals and delivered them to more than 60 CAC clients. The Friends of the CAC and Project Linus have provided face masks for CAC staff, Multi-Disciplinary Team partners, and children and families visiting the center. Virtual programming has increased with the addition of Telehealth services for therapy clients and Trauma-Sensitive Mindfulness, Breath & Movement Skills virtual workshops for FCPS elementary school teachers to help their students learn and practice stress management and coping skills. The County released a PSA to raise community awareness about how citizens can protect children from maltreatment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Washington County
  - a. An inmate at the nearby Roxbury Correctional Institution is among the latest victims of COVID-19, according to the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The agency said the inmate, who was in his 60s, died Wednesday from the new coronavirus. The man had underlying medical conditions and had been hospitalized since late April, the agency said. Roxbury Correctional Institution is one of three state prisons south of Hagerstown off Sharpsburg Pike. The department said in a statement Thursday it is doing everything possible to control the spread of COVID-19 in prisons.
  - b. Two health care centers in Washington County will receive federal money to expand COVID-19 testing. The Walnut Street Community Health Center Inc. in Hagerstown will receive \$227,389, according to a news release issued Thursday by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Tri-State Community Health Center in Hancock will receive \$381,619. This is in addition to money the centers received last month through the CARES Act to combat the novel coronavirus.
  - c.
- Allegany County
  - a. Allegany County will be the recipient of \$12.3 million of funding assistance under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. The funding was announced at Thursday's regular meeting of the Allegany County Board of Commissioners. The CARES funding package was developed through a collaboration of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Small Business Administration and approved by Congress. The funding will include a \$3.13 hazard pay increase for first responders including EMTs, detention center and sheriff's department personnel, utility workers and transit staff.
- Garrett County
  - a. County and state officials in Western Maryland are calling on Gov. Larry Hogan to take a regional approach to reopening the state. A letter sent Tuesday to Hogan asks him to consider the

differences in Western Maryland during the COVID-19 outbreak when compared to the rest of the state. The request was signed by the Boards of County Commissioners for Garrett, Allegany and Washington counties, as well as state Sens. George Edwards and Andrew Serafini, and Delegates Wendell Beitzel, Mike McKay, Jason Buckel, William Wivell, Paul Corderman and Neil Parrott.

- b. A sixth Garrett County resident has tested positive for COVID-19, health officials said Friday. The woman in her 80s has no symptoms, and was recently released from an Allegany County facility with a known coronavirus outbreak, said a press release from the Garrett County Health Department. The new case was the county's second of the week. A case announced Wednesday was the first since April 6 and was also linked to an Allegany County facility. Of the county's positive cases, three have recovered, one is over the infectious period and continues to recover at home and two are isolating at home, health officials said. Only one of the patients required hospitalization. Another 294 residents have tested negative for the virus.